

# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

## Funded Projects - 2002



The Frontier Motel and Restaurant neon signs in Truxton, Arizona, have been restored to working condition

### Arizona

**Project:** Frontier Motel and Restaurant Neon Sign Restoration  
**Recipient:** Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona  
**Amount:** \$9,268 NPS, \$9,268 match

The Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona in partnership with the Frontier Motel and Restaurant in Truxton, Arizona, was awarded cost-share funds to restore the Frontier's neon signs. Weather conditions had destroyed the neon tubing and tarnished the metal portions of the signs. Restoration returned the signs to their original appearance and condition, to once again attract travelers on the road. The Frontier has been a Route 66 destination since 1951.



The Ambler's Texaco Station in Dwight, Illinois, will be restored to its 1940s appearance.

### Illinois

**Project:** Ambler's Texaco Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** Village of Dwight, Illinois  
**Amount:** \$10,400 NPS, \$10,400 match

The Village of Dwight has been awarded cost-share funds to restore the historic Ambler's Texaco Station located in Dwight, Illinois. The gas station, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be restored to its 1940s appearance. Project work will include repair of the windows, doors, and roof, and the exterior and interior will be repainted to match the 1940s color scheme. When the project is completed, the gas station will be used as a Route 66 rest stop and interpretive center.



A 10-mile segment of abandoned Route 66 will be studied for the development of a bike trail between the towns of Litchfield and Mt. Olive, Illinois.

**Project:** Litchfield-to-Mt. Olive Bike Trail  
**Recipient:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
**Amount:** \$15,000 NPS, \$14,955 match

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been awarded grant/cost-share funds to prepare plans for the development of a bicycle trail on a 10-mile segment of Route 66 between Litchfield and Mt. Olive, Illinois. The segment under consideration is currently abandoned, and a portion of it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This project is part of a larger concept to link Route 66 segments across Illinois, ending ultimately at the Chain of Rocks Bridge in St. Louis.

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A seminar was held to provide teachers with curriculum and strategies for teaching students the history and significance of Route 66. A lending library and website of Route 66 educational materials are also being developed.

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**Project:** Route 66 Teachers Seminar  
**Recipient:** Illinois State Historical Society  
**Amount:** \$3,000 NPS, \$15,968 match

The Illinois State Historical Society was awarded cost-share funds to support a day-long Route 66 teachers' seminar in Springfield, Illinois, and to establish a lending library of Route 66 educational materials for teachers nationwide. The cost-share funds helped offset travel costs for teachers to attend the seminar, and contributed to the purchase of lending library materials comprised of Route 66 teaching aids. Another result of the seminar will be a web site that makes the seminar materials accessible to all teachers interested in educating students about the significance and importance of Route 66.



Architectural design documents will be prepared for the rehabilitation of the Eagle Hotel in Wilmington, Illinois.

**Project:** Eagle Hotel Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Historic Eagle Corporation  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match

The historic Eagle Hotel in Wilmington, Illinois, has been awarded cost-share funds to develop architectural design documents for the rehabilitation of the hotel. The Eagle Hotel offered lodging and food during the route's period of significance, and also served as a sporting goods store. When rehabilitated, the hotel will once again provide lodging and food to Route 66 travelers.



Construction documents will be prepared, and restoration activities undertaken for a 1930s Mobil Gas Station in Cuba, Missouri.

### Missouri

**Project:** Cuba Mobil Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** Private property owner  
**Amount:** \$20,000 NPS, \$20,000 match

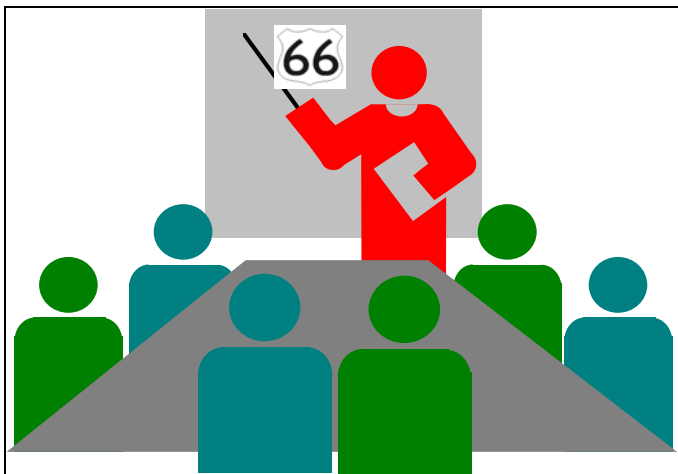
The owner of a 1930s Mobil Gas Station in Cuba, Missouri, has been awarded cost-share funds for restoration of the brick, cottage-style station. Restoration will include architectural services to develop project construction documents and preservation specifications. Restoration activities will also include repair or replacement of the roof shingles, doors, doorframes, and brick masonry to match the original appearance of the building. The building served as a gas station until 1964, and has since served as an independent oil company office, and a bakery on Route 66 in Cuba.



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An oral history training project will train workshop attendees in effective interview strategies, research for, and conservation of Route 66 oral histories.

### New Mexico

**Project:** Route 66 Oral History Project  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$18,709 NPS, \$6,380 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association in partnership with the University of New Mexico Department of English will develop and administer an oral history training project in accordance with the Oral History Associations Evaluation Standards. The project will provide workshops designed to train up to 140 attendees in conducting interviews, research for, and conservation of Route 66 oral histories. The workshops will be open to all interested participants, and will be held at seven locations along the length of the route between Chicago and Los Angeles.



The Grandview Motel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, illuminates its architectural neon. Architectural neon will be restored at a minimum of five locations along Route 66 through New Mexico (photo courtesy New Mexico Route 66 Association).

**Project:** Architectural Neon Restoration  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$13,400 NPS, \$22,750 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association will restore architectural neon at a minimum of five locations on Route 66 in New Mexico. An example of architectural neon is the neon tubing used to line eaves along motel rooflines, as well as ornamental neon. Architectural neon served many purposes, such as increasing the visibility of businesses from the road to attract customers, providing a measure of safety for guests at night, and adding character to buildings via ornamental images such as cacti and sombreros. A percentage of the funds will also be used for the production of an hour-long documentary film featuring the neon restoration projects. The documentary will be aired on *Colores!*, an award-winning public television program.



A restoration feasibility and cost estimate study has been completed for the 1930s Phillips 66 Gas Station in Chandler, Oklahoma.

### Oklahoma

**Project:** Chandler's Phillips 66 Filling Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** Private property owner  
**Amount:** \$1,449 NPS, \$1,450 match

The owner of the 1930s Phillips 66 Gas Station in Chandler, Oklahoma, was awarded cost-share funds to conduct a restoration feasibility and cost estimate study. As part of this work, a Historic Structures Report was prepared, describing the history, current condition, and potential treatment options for the property. The station originally opened for business in 1930, and operated as a gas station until 1992. When restoration is completed, the building will serve as a rest stop for Route 66 travelers.

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The Magnolia Gas Station in Vega, Texas, will be restored to its 1920s appearance.

### Texas

**Project:** Magnolia Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** City of Vega, Texas  
**Amount:** \$50,000 NPS, \$120,314 match

The City of Vega, Texas, has been awarded cost-share funds to restore the 1920s Magnolia Gas Station in Vega. The restoration project will include interior and exterior repair to the existing structure, including restoration of the doors, windows, roof shingles, plaster, and flooring, and also reconstruction of the gasoline pump canopy. The building, which represents unique gas station architecture, operated as a gas station until 1953, and as a barbershop until 1965. When restored, it will serve as an interpretive stop along the older alignment of Route 66 in Vega.